



National Commemorative Services
for
BISHOP JUNIOUS AUGUSTUS BLAKE, SR.

Jurisdictional Bishop

Southern California Number One

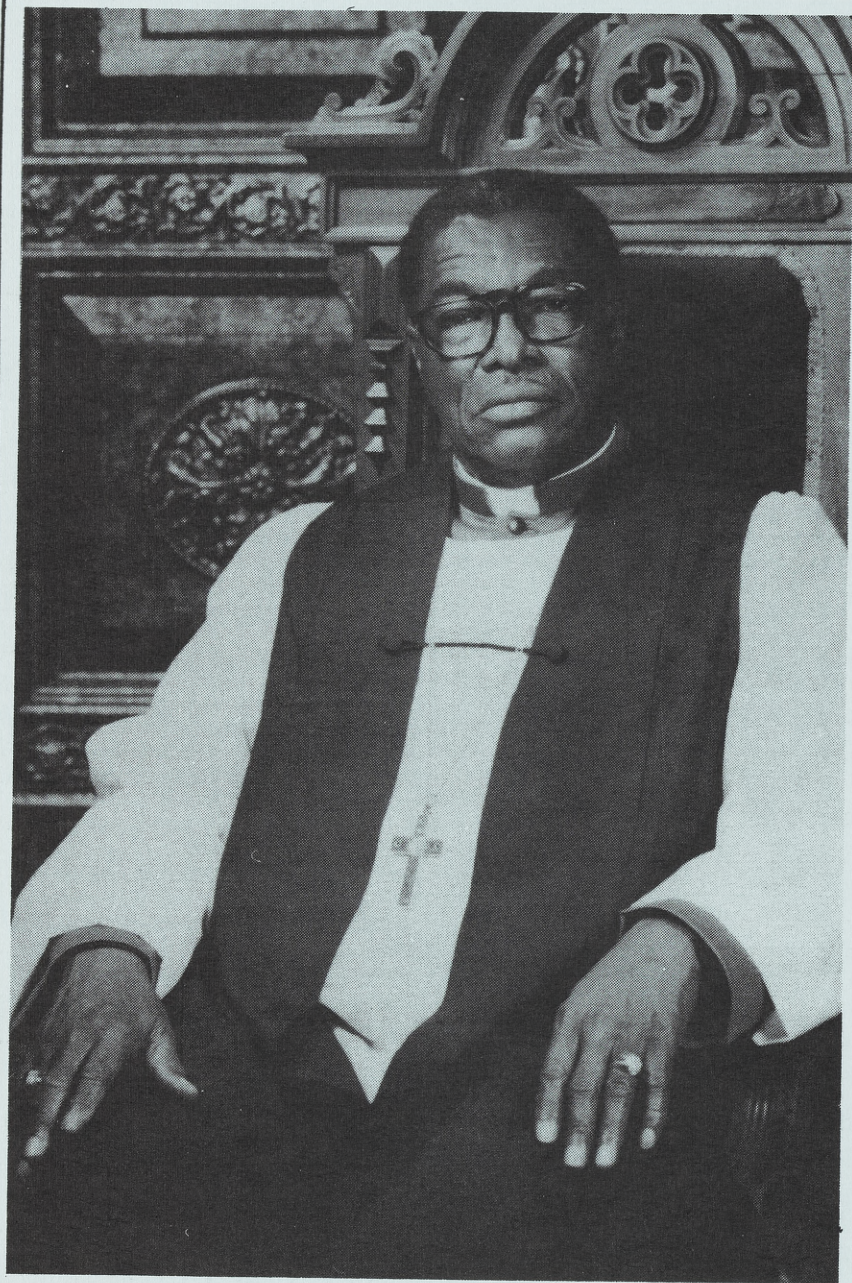
Church of God in Christ

Tuesday, November 20, 1984 - 11:00 a.m.

**CROUCH STATE TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

2300 South Central Avenue
Los Angeles, California

THE MOST REVEREND J. O. PATTERSON
Officiating



BISHOP JUNIOUS AUGUSTUS BLAKE, SR.

1912 — 1984

Obituary

*"There's an open gate at the end of the Road
Through which each must go alone
And there, in light we cannot see,
Our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate your Loved one finds happiness and Rest
And there's comfort in the thought that a loving God knows best."*

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." John 14:27
"Let not your heart be troubled." John 14:1*

Bishop Blake was born October 5, 1912 in Camden, Arkansas; the fourth of seven children born to Eason and Ethel Blake.

He spent his childhood years in Texarkana, Arkansas, where he also received his grade school education. His Theological education was received in Shorter College in North Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1946, he received the Bachelor of Theology Degree from that institution.

He was called to the Ministry in 1927, and preached his first message at a Church of God in Christ in Texarkana, Arkansas. His first pastorate was located in Smackover, Arkansas.

He subsequently pastored Churches of God in Christ in Lou Ann, Camden, Locustbayou, Newport, Nashville, Wilson, Jonesboro, Warren, Fort Smith, and North Little Rock. His other responsibilities in the state of Arkansas included the District and State presidency of the Youth Department of that state.

On October 5, 1935, he married Miss Lula Champion, who has been his faithful and constant companion and helper. To understand the greatness of this man one must look not only to his enviable abilities and Christ-like character, but also to this illustrious woman who has stayed by his side. Their union has been blessed with two sons both of whom are ministers. The elder son, Rev. J.A. Blake, Jr. is pastor of Anderson Memorial Church of God in Christ in Houston, Texas. The younger son, Dr. Charles E. Blake, is pastor of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ in Los Angeles.

In 1947 Bishop S. M. Crouch summoned Bishop Blake to California, and appointed him Pastor of the Greater Jackson Memorial Church in San Diego.

In 1948 he became District Superintendent of the San Diego District.

In 1959, he was appointed Chairman of the State Elders' Council.

In 1961 he was ordained as a Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, and installed as the Assistant Bishop of the Southern California Jurisdiction. He was past president of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance of San Diego, California; Past board member of the NAACP of San Diego, California. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Pacific Coast Bank in San Diego.

He has served four terms as a member of the General Board of the Church of God in Christ. Last year, he was appointed the Second Administrative Assistant to the International Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

He has served as Interim Bishop of the Kansas, Oregon, Utah, and Arkansas Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ. In November, 1976, he was appointed prelate of The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Southern California Jurisdiction Number One.

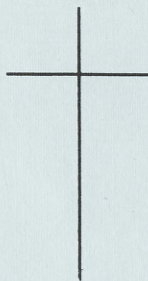
Under Bishop Blake's administration Crouch State Temple, 2300 So. Central Avenue was renovated. The building was completely remodeled. The pews were reupholstered, interior and exterior painted.

An artist was contracted to paint murals, various stages of the life of Jesus Christ on the side walls. Another mural of the Lord's Supper was painted, with Bishops of the church seated at the table, with Jesus elevated behind Bishop C. H. Mason, Founder. New draperies were purchased, rest rooms remodeled, dining room provided, additional parking property purchased and constructed and Administration Building, adjacent to the main edifice.

Bishop Blake died Nov. 13, 1984 at Scripts Hospital in San Diego.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Mrs. Lula Blake; two sons, the Rev. J. A. Blake, Jr. and Dr. Charles E. Blake; Sister, Mrs. Lila Hawkins; two brothers, Ulysses and Dave Blake; two daughters-in-law: Dorothy and Mae L. Blake. Six grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

*He has not served who gathers gold,
Nor has he served whose life is told
In selfish battles he has won
Or deed of skill that he has done,
But he has served who now and then
Has helped along his fellow men.*



“WE KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE LEFT US AND WE WILL CARRY ON”

And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that as I was with Moses, so will I be with thee (Joshua 3:7).

And so it is . . . a father, a leader, a builder, a churchman has passed from death to life for his eternal reward. Bishop Junious Augustus Blake, a rare, truly great man has left behind men and women who owe him their inspiration.

As a father, Bishop Blake was intrinsically gifted with wisdom to see beyond the problem. Slow to speak, swift to hear, he succinctly perceived the solution.

He was a leader with the full spectrum of his constituency in mind. Bishop instituted seminars and training sessions for the pastors, ministers and their wives, auxiliary leaders and the church at large. He expanded the financial program of the Jurisdiction. Southern California First has been the strongest supporter of the National Church for the past several years.

The revonation of Crouch Temple was a continuous ongoing project. Ultra modern bathrooms with imported tile has been the most recent improvement. A beautiful mural depicting the past and present leadership of the Church reminds us of our legacy. The J.A. Blake Administration Building adjacent to the temple stands as a monument to a leader who strived for progress.

A Bishop given to hospitality, it was always his delight to be surrounded by people. The home of Bishop and Mrs. Blake was never closed to anyone. Our Jurisdiction enjoyed the preaching of hundreds of ministers from around the world.

Bishop Blake was the preacher's preacher. He was one of the true churchman in the brotherhood. He proclaimed the gospel with intense conviction and profoundness. He loved to quote the sayings of the Apostle Paul and taught us from the Proverbs. Bishop was a pillar and stalwart of the Church of God in Christ, a mentor and role model for preachers everywhere.

Our beloved leader was a part of the rich heritage we enjoy in Southern California. He was first a good follower. For more than twenty years he was a faithful and loyal assistant to the Bishop S.M. Crouch. While he followed, his strong character touched the lives of many.

We will miss our Bishop; his works and achievements will however, remain in the annals of church history. It is incumbent upon each of us not just to remember this great man but to carry on in his spirit of love, courage, humility and strength. These are the things he has left us . . .

By Barbara McCoo Lewis



Jurisdictional Memorial Services

Monday, November 19, 1984 7:00 p.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE	Ms. Pam Jamison
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Sut. F.J. Goodman
PROCESSIONAL	Elder J.W. Williams
	State Officials
	Regional and District Superintendents
	Pastors and Elders
	Family
	State Supervisor
	Regional and District Missionaries
	Auxiliary Chairpersons
SELECTION	Souther California Mass Choir
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES	Elder Wyatt Basham
91 Psalms 1-16	
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES	Bishop Ivor Rowe
1 Cor. 15:51-58	
INVOCATION	Supt. Edward Davis
SELECTION	Southern California Mass Choir
MEMORIAL TRIBUTES: (3 minutes please)	
Women's Department	Mother Lillian A. Morris
Sunday School Department	Elder Henry Coles
Youth Department	Elder Prince Sykes
Mission Department	Elder J. J. Rollins
Evangelist Department	Elder Coy Turrentine
Regional Superintendent	Supt. Pleas Thomas
Board of Education	Supt. J. W. Mayfield
SELECTION	Southern California Mass Choir
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS, TELEGRAMS	Elder James Lewis
STATE RESOLUTION, CONDOLENCES, ETC.	
SELECTION	Southern California Mass Choir
MEMORIAL TRIBUTES:	
Special Guests	Bishop N. Jones
BISHOP J. A. BLAKE	
AS A PASTOR	Elder Robert Cole
AS A DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	Supt. T. Hammonds
AS A JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP	Supt. F. J. Goodman
SOLO	Supt. E. L. White
WORDS OF HOPE — HOLY SCRIPTURE	Supt. LeRoy Mardis
VIEWING OF REMAINS	

We believe the Bible to be inspired and only infallible Word of God. We believe that there is One God eternally existent in Three Persons: God The Father, God The Son and God The Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.

We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance, faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ and being baptized in water. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body, in answer to believing prayer.

We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.

We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world.

Amen

Order of National Services

For

BISHOP JUNIOUS AUGUSTUS BLAKE, SR.

Officiating, **THE MOST REVEREND JAMES OGLETHORPE PATTERSON**
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ORGAN PRELUDE	Ms. Pam Jamison
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Family	

VIEWING—

SEALING OF BIER—

INVOCATION—

SELECTION Southern California Mass Choir

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Psalms 91:1-16

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: 1 Cor. 15:51-58

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Congregation Standing

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN Jesus Savior Pilot Me

TRIBUTES:

National Women's Department—Dr. Mattie McGlothen

National Auxiliaries—Bishop L. H. Winbush

Community and Civic—Bishop Benjamin F. Reid

Dr. Edward V. Hill

Supt. W. A. Alexander

SELECTION Mass Choir

TRIBUTE:

National Board of Bishops—Bishop J. H. Sherman, Chairman

ACKNOWLEDGES

OF CARDS and TELEGRAMS Dr. L. Lovett

SOLODr. Mattie Moss Clark

RESOLUTIONS Elder James Lewis

APOSTOLIC TRIBUTE

OFFICE OF PRESIDING BISHOP Bishop P. A. Brooks
Chief Adjutant

INTRODUCTION

OF PRESIDING BISHOP Bishop Louis Henry Ford
First Assistant Presiding Bishop,
Chicago, Illinois

SERMONIC HYMN It Is Well
Southern California Mass Choir

OBITUARY—(Read In Silence)

EULOGY Most Reverend James O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ, Inc.
World Headquarters, Memphis, Tennessee

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Honorary Pallbearers

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ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Pastors, Elders, Ministers and Deacons
Southern California Number One

FLOWER BEARERS

District Missionaries
and
State Workers, Jurisdiction One

ENTOMBMENT

Cypress View Mausoleum
3953 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, California
11:00 a.m.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

Anderson Ragadale Mortuary
San Diego, California

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of the late Bishop Junious Augustus Blake, are so grateful to each of you for all that you have done. We have not words to express our thanks, in fact mere words could never say what' in our hearts. Your prayers, your visits, your calls, your cards, your donations and everything you've done has helped us through these days of sickness and bereavement. Please continue to pray for us—bless you all.

—Mrs. Lula Blake & Family—

We wish also to extend heartfelt thanks
to all pastors, and national and jurisdictional officials
for their cooperation and help.

We are especially grateful to
Supt. F. D. Goodman, Mother Lillian Morris
able assistance and counseling.

—Southern California Jurisdiction One